

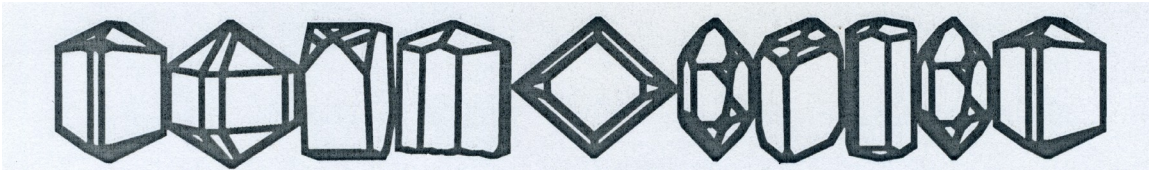
JUNE 2025 NEWS LETTER

PRES NOTES:

Our May meeting had Paul Krohn as guest speaker. Paul Krohn is a well-known fossil collector of New York state fossils. He gave us a great presentation on fossils, and the Geology of the Finger Lakes, especially Fillmore Glen Park in Moravia. Recently retired, and living in Moravia, NY, he spends his days visiting State Parks and Finger Lakes Land Trust areas throughout the area



We also had two really neat visitors to our meeting. Rick and Sue Sprout from Picture Rocks attended the meeting and quite an extensive shell collection from Florida. They had collected these and many, many others. She felt it was time to down size so let the members take what they wanted at no charge. The rest went to Inga for Pebble Pups. Sue mentioned she also taught school in Florida and was a curator at a museum with the museum fossil collection.



VP NOTES

Please save the dates for the Che-Hanna Summer picnics.

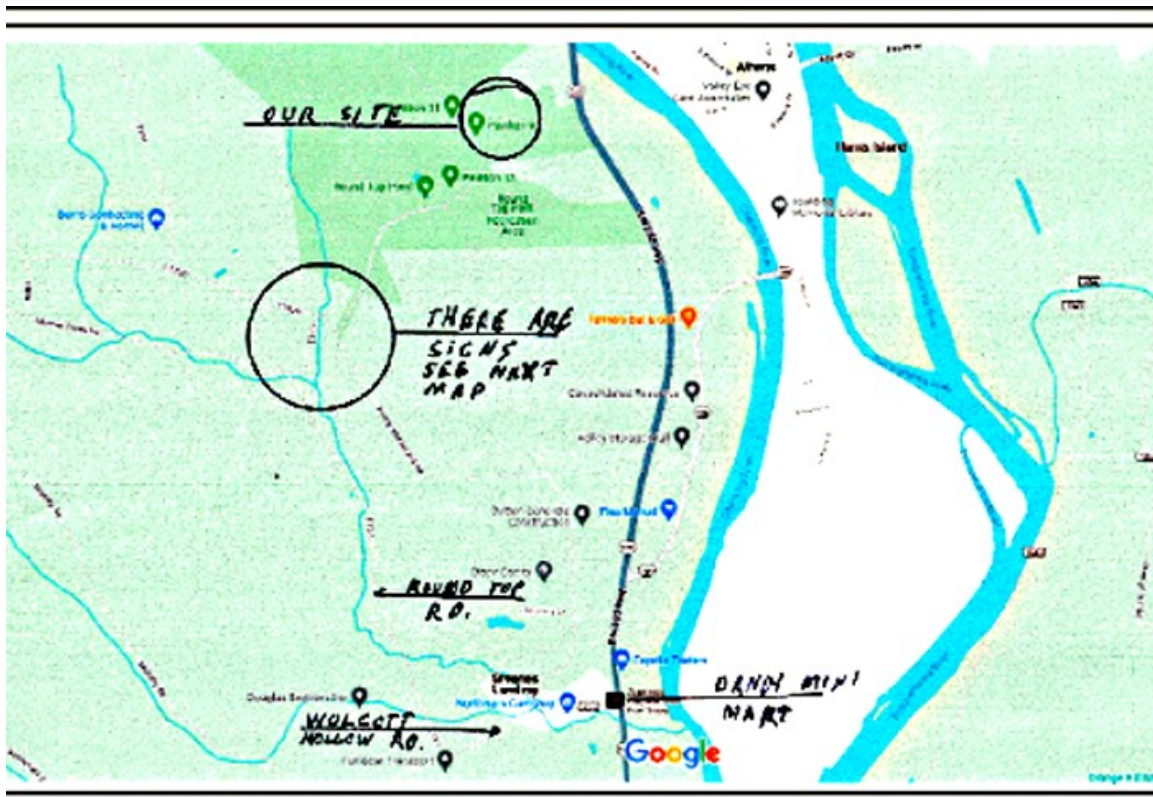
The Sunday, June 22 picnic will be on Roundtop Park in Athens Township, lower part at pavilion #11. The parking area is behind the pavilion. We gather at noon,

and the meal is at 1:00 P.M. It's a dish to pass, club will provide pulled pork and rolls. Water will be available. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

There are activities planned after the meal. "Working with different Clay Material" We will have precious metal clays; they need to be fired with a small butane torch, then polished. All materials and tools will be provided by Inga. There are some nice demonstration videos on the internet if you want to check them out. Inga uses materials from FireMountainGems. They have great instructional short videos on working with clay. If you have a small torch, please bring it and you can use your own. We use these on special fire bricks and material.

There will be many different colored polymer clays that can be baked. Earring and other hardware can be baked into the clay. There is a special rack to bake the beads. There will be a small oven available. Inga will bring a pasta machine so you can make beads and other things millefiori style, which is Italian for many flowers. It is an easy and very pretty design made famous by Venetian glass workers.

If clay is not your thing, Dave said, he will bring a huge fluorescent geode to break up. Bring your safety glasses for that. Map and directions below.



Sunday, July 20, we will be at Larnard-Hornbrook County Park in Ulster at pavilion C. It's a double pavilion and if it's not too wet you can drive up to pavilion. We are thinking that this will be a good place for a rock swap or silver pickings or a craft day. Trish is looking for a volunteer that will prepare the meat

and cheese tray that the club will provide for this. There is a nice big grill available if someone volunteers to cook hotdogs.

Meals are always 1 P.M. and dish to pass. Bring what your kids will eat!

Sunday, August 17, we are at Kirby Park in Nichols, NY. Gather at Noon, eat at 1. Inga will provide sloppy joe and rolls. There will be hotdogs for the kids. The after-meal activity will be "gold panning" in tubs and sorting through sand to find some treasures that adults will appreciate. If adults want to have panning pan, they need to let Inga know. There are 2 water spigots at the park and Inga will bring the water dispenser that worked well last year. Dave might have an activity as well.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Hello everyone, Please read this!

At the May meeting, we voted to change our meeting days from a Wednesday evening to a Sunday afternoon.

We are in the discussion period for this change and will be making our final decision with another vote at the June picnic meeting.

There are many reasons for the change: winter weather and the age of our members is one of the reasons. Most of us are aging and have been recommended to avoid driving in hours of darkness and bad weather. For me, the bright glaring headlights from oncoming vehicles have presented a major problem for years. Collisions with deer is also a huge concern for those of us that live in the county.

If we meet on a Sunday afternoon, the roads should be better, less traffic problems, might be much easier to get a speaker coming from a distance. We are hoping to improve our attendance with this change.

At this time, we are proposing meeting on the third Sunday of the month. The second Sunday can be available; however, the 3rd Sunday will give me more time to do publicity since most papers, radios, etc. want a 3 weeks- notice.

The only opposing remarks to this change has been the NFL football games are in the afternoons.

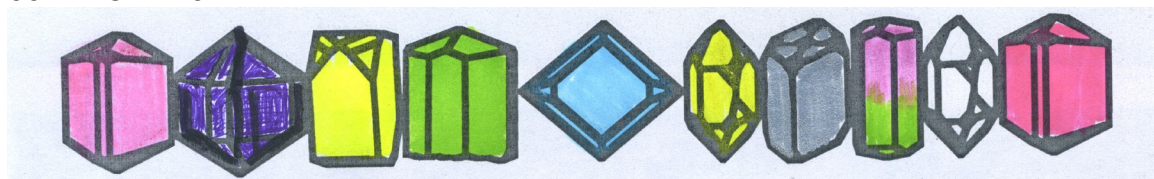
Let me know or Bob know how you feel about this change.

I need to contact the church in late July to do the building use permit to get that approved by the church board.

Thank you for your time and attention to this and come prepared to vote on this at the June picnic.

Inga

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Minutes from the board meeting - 14 May 2025

Meeting called to order by President, Bob McGuire.

Inga motioned, Jeff seconded to accept minutes as published on the web site. Motion carried.

Inga needs a check from Trish for the Athens Methodist Church for our meetings held there. \$450.00 per year. JoAnn Motioned, Jeff seconded to accept. Motion carried.

The honorarium money was brought up and would like to raise the fee paid from \$50 to \$100. It was felt with the rise in gas prices and distance traveling, this is a good move. Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Inga to accept. Motion carried. This would take place in September, which is the new fiscal year for the club.

It was also brought up to move the meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 3rd Sunday of the month, with board meeting at 1 p.m. and meeting at 1:30 p.m. It was felt that maybe more people would come if on a Sunday, rather than a week work night. Will be discussed more at the next meeting. If approved, this would also take place in September.

Picnics were brought up:

June - Round Top - Trish will do pulled pork. Bring a dish to pass.

July - Hornbrook in Ulster - cold cuts and buns to make your own sandwich, and everyone brings a dish to pass.

August - Kirby Part, Nichols, NY - Inga will do sloppy joe and everyone brings a dish to pass.

These picnics are meet at Noon, eat at 1:00 p.m. There will be activities before and after the meal. Activity mentioned for June is precious clay by Inga. She will check with Fire Mountain Gems about getting 5 packs of bronze. This is the best place to get the stuff. Was talked about some craft for July and August. Gold panning was also mentioned. Will be talked about at the June picnic.

Inga mentioned about donating money, to her, in the Fall to supply things needed for projects at the school, The school does not do this and gets quite expensive for the families.

Motion made by Inga, seconded by Trish to adjourn. All were in favor.

Minutes from the regular meeting - 14 May 2025

Meeting called to order by President, Bob McGuire, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 members present.

Inga then introduced Paul Krohn who was our guest speaker. He gave a presentation on State Parks in New York State, specifically Filmore State Park. Was a very interesting and educational program. He had some fossils he showed, gave some out and the rest went to Inga for the Pubble Pups. He has quite a collection of photos from all his trips and hikes he goes on. He loves nature and the outdoors.

Minutes were published on the web site. Inga motioned, seconded by Hazel to accept the minutes as published. All in favor.

Treasurer report was given by Trish. No questions so was filed for audit.

It was brought up that Inga needs a check from Trish to pay the Church for our meetings held there. \$450. Inga also mentioned about changing the meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 3rd Sunday of the month. Board meeting at 1 p.m. and meeting at 1:30 p.m. This would be especially good in the winter when the weather sometimes gets pretty bad. Would take effect in September for our new calendar year. Will be voted on at the June meeting.

Was also brought up about raising the honorarium from \$50 to \$100. With gas prices and travel, it was felt this is a good idea. Inga motioned, seconded by Ted, to accept the motion to raise the fee. All in favor. This would also take place in September.

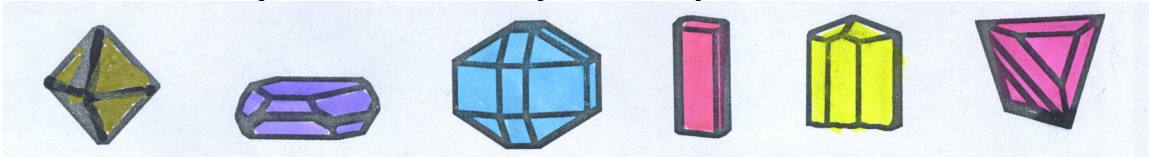
Christmas party was mentioned. Will be held again at Wild Fire in Towanda on Saturday, December 6th. More planning as it gets closer.

Jeff mentioned he will send an e-mail out in late June to see if any interest in going to dig Herkimers at Diamond Mountain. There can be 20 club members who can go for FREE.

Dave brought up a field trip to Deep Springs for fossils. He also had some to hand out.

Rick and Sue Sprout from Picture Rocks attended the meeting and quite an extensive shell collection from Florida. They had collected these and many, many others. She felt it was time to down size so let the members take what they wanted at no charge. The rest went to Inga for Pebble Pups. Sue mentioned she also taught school in Florida and was a curator at a museum with the museum fossil collection. They live in Picture Rocks and were going to Florida for the winter. They decided now they'd only go for a month and then was time to get back home. She had some pretty nice shells.

Motion made by Trish, seconded by Eric to adjourn. All in favor.



SUNSHINE

Hope everyone is doing well and the allergies aren't bothering too much, or the Canadian smoke. We don't have it down here yet.

I just got done with cataract surgery, both eyes, and coming along pretty well. Just have to use drops for a while and be careful doing things so they heal properly.

Bob had his MRI for his right shoulder her hurt when he fell, twice, during the winter on the snow and ice. He has a consult in July to discuss what's next.

Been kind of busy so haven't talked to Janet or Mary to see how they are doing. Hopefully, the are coming along and feeling much better.

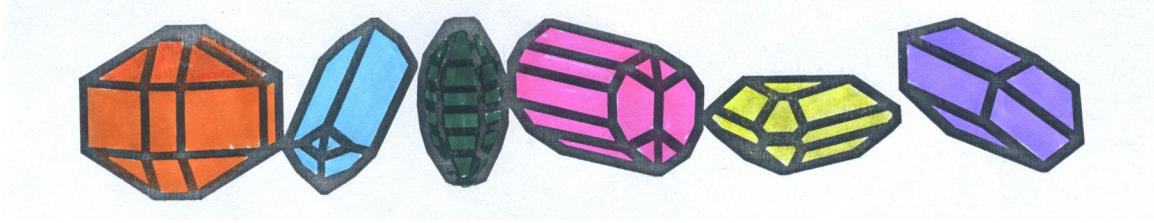
Get well to anyone who is "not up to snuff" and get well soon.

Hope to see you at the July picnic at Round Top. Will be a nice day to get out and enjoy the food and company.

That's it for this time.

JoAnn

Lady Sunshine



THE DIAMOND TRIP IS ON

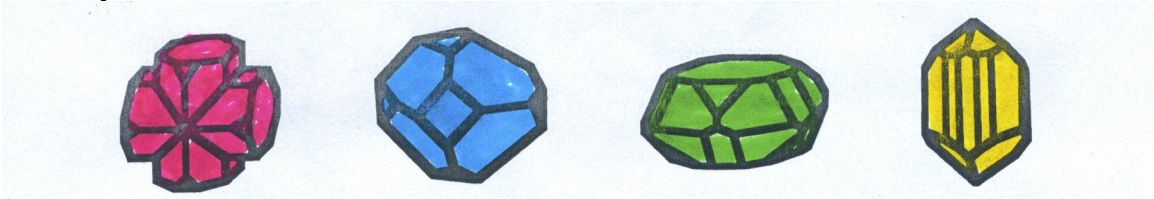
Hey everyone,

Since the majority of club members who responded wanted July 19th as the date to go Herkimer hunting, that is the day I applied for.

Enjoy this wonderful June heat!!

Jeff MORE DETAILS AT JUNE PICNIC

Thank you Jeff





**THERE HAS BEEN A
MAJOR RECALL ON ROCKS.**

**PLEASE BRING ALL ROCKS
TO MY HOUSE
SO I CAN DISPOSE OF THEM.**